BARNHAM CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 9

We **Inspire, Cherish** and **Believe**
in each person that they might flourish
and fulfil their potential

From Little Acorns...












On Wednesday afternoon, every child and adult at Barnham School took part in a very special activity — planting acorns! We are hopeful that these little seeds will one day grow into our very own Barnham Oak trees.

We know that patience will be key, but the excitement in the air was wonderful as everyone got involved. Did you know this year has been a MAST year for acorns? Our field is absolutely full of them!

It's a fantastic way to connect with nature and think about how even the smallest beginnings can grow into something truly magnificent. We can't wait to watch our Barnham Oaks flourish in the years to come!

...mighty oaks grow!

News from Squirrel Class













You may remember reading about Squirrel Class's science learning adventures last half term – well, we've been absolutely astounded by their incredible homework projects showcasing their knowledge and love for beavers!

The children created models, posters, presentations, and even cakes (which were very much enjoyed by the class!).

A huge well done to everyone in Squirrel Class, and thank you to all the families who supported this wonderful creative learning at home.

Autumn Change Agents News









We'd like to say a huge well done to Willow who tackled every single Autumn Change Agent challenge:

• Willow collected some leaves and pine needles to do a leaf print/ animal collage and hedgehog.
• She made her lantern.
• Willow took great pleasure in gifting a lot of the things in the hamper we won to her friends and family members. She wrote her Uncle a lovely letter/picture about why she loves him so much.
• Willow decided to write things she was grateful for on our pumpkins of positivity, such as 'family', 'friends' and 'Barnham school'.
• Willow helped her Grandma feeding the birds and has taken great care of her own pets, helping me cleaning out the chickens and making sure that they are safe and comfortable ready for the fireworks.

If anyone else completed the Autumn Change Agents Challenges- we'd love to hear all about this and celebrate this with everyone! We even have a new display in school showcasing all of our Change Agents work. Please do e mail in your stories/ photos to share.

An Exciting Week is ahead of us next week - Interfaith Week, Anti-bullying Awareness Week

Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day For Anti-Bullying Awareness



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we're excited to be taking part in this important national event! To kick things off, we'll be joining in with Odd Socks Day on Monday — a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique and to remind everyone that being different is something to be proud of.

We'd LOVE to see our families getting involved too! Why not join in the fun by all wearing your own odd socks at home and sending us a family odd socks photo? Let's see how creative you can be with this- feel free to involve your pets! Please e mail your photos to Miss Bacon - rbacon@barnham.org.

Every family who takes part will be entered into a special raffle, with a prize to be announced at the end of the week!

Let's make a colourful start to Anti-Bullying Week and show that at Barnham, we celebrate kindness, individuality, and togetherness.

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day



As part of National Remembrance Day, we will be holding our own special Poppy Day Collective Worship on Tuesday. This will be a time for our school community to come together to reflect, remember, and show our respect for those who have served.

Each child has been busy making their own poppy, which they will bring to the service and lay as a mark of respect.

Our Year 6 pupils will also be taking part in a special local history learning experience. They will visit the Barnham War Memorial at 10:30am to lay a wreath alongside Vicar Sue Nutt, paying tribute to those from our community who gave so much.



We are still selling Poppy Appeal merchandise in the school office for anyone who would like to contribute and wear their poppy with pride.

Friday 14th November - Children in Need

On Friday we'll be supporting Children in Need with a fun non-uniform day! Pupils are invited to come to school in their own clothes to help celebrate this special event and raise money for an amazing cause.

This year marks 40 years of Pudsey Bear - and who knows, maybe Pudsey himself will make an appearance at Barnham School for his big birthday celebrations!

We're asking families to please bring in a donation (any amount is appreciated) for the collection bucket on the playground Friday morning.

Together, let's show our kindness, generosity, and community spirit — and make a real difference, Barnham Change Agents!

Staffing News

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Fleet. We thank her sincerely for all her hard work and commitment to the children and wish her well for the future.

We are delighted to share that Mrs Shepperson will be joining us in January to teach Badger Class. Some of you may remember her from her time here five years ago - especially her love of PE and 'Wake and Shake'! You can find her welcome profile below. She will be visiting before the end of term to ensure a smooth transition.



Thrive Activity of the week

We'd love you all to focus on completing one of the Autumn Change Agents Challenges this week, please see below for details:



Poppy Day is coming

Mission:

Create a piece of Remembrance artwork to show thankfulness for those who showed courage and resilience in the past – and to remind us to be peacemakers today. Please bring your poppy art work/ cards/ poppies into school by Monday 10th November so that these can be shared to make a difference with others.



We have arranged to take some poppies to Coronation Care Home in Thetford on Monday so that they have some beautiful art work ready for their remembrance on Tuesday.

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Thrive School of Excellence

Sporting Success Stories



We were thrilled to hear about how resilient Clarence, Evelyn and Winston were during half term. They went roller skating and although initially they struggled, after persevering they were able to skate around the rink without holding onto the sides or falling over! They were very proud of themselves and rightly so too!

Well done to all 3 of you!

Please keep sharing your sporting success stories with us or any stories of our value in action. We love hearing them and learning about how we are all growing in resilience together.
Photos and stories can be e mailed to Miss Bacon - rbacon@barnham.org



Bonfire Night Celebrations











Hedgehog Class made delicious chocolate sparklers to celebrate Bonfire Night and everyone has been learning about the history of Guy Fawkes – do ask your child what they discovered and learned this week.

Messages from FOBS

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 28th November
Join in our festive non-uniform day by bringing in an item for our Christmas Coloured Hampers!
Each class has its own colour theme, and all the donations will be used to create our fabulous hampers, which will be raffled off to raise funds for the school.
Please bring an item in your class colour – it can be anything you like!
If donating food items, please make sure they have a long use-by date.

Class Colours:
🟢 Hedgehogs - Green
🟡 Moles - Gold/Yellow
🔴 Badgers - Red
⚪ Foxes - Silver/White
🟣 Squirrels - Purple
🔵 Otters - Blue

Raffle Draw:
📅 Monday 15th December
📍 After school in the front playground
Keep an eye out for raffle tickets, which will be sent home with the children soon!

RAFFLE

Come and visit our FOBS stall at the Church Christmas Farmers Market on Saturday 6th December! It's a lovely community event and a great way to get into the festive spirit – we'd love to see you there.



Mystery Readers in school

Thank you so much to Vincent's Dad for coming in to class as a mystery reader to share a story with Hedgehog Class on Wednesday afternoon.







Thank you so much to Emily's mum for coming in to class as a mystery reader to share a story with Otter Class on Tuesday afternoon.
She shared the story The Detective Dog.



If you are interested in being a mystery reader in your child's class - please don't tell them but e mail Miss Cross - tcross@barnham.org and she will help you to organise this.



Our Value is Resilience

This week in our Collective Worships, our theme has been "Overcoming Fear Together." We've been exploring how facing our fears alongside others makes us stronger, and how God is always with us, often working through the people around us to help us through challenging times.

Our key quote for the week has been:

"Courage is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it."

— Nelson Mandela

Our Big Question has encouraged thoughtful discussion across the school:

How does having someone by your side help you when you're scared?

It's been a busy and inspiring week — we began with an assembly to launch our Oak Planting Project on Monday with Mrs Arnold, enjoyed Collective Worship led by Mrs Kennedy, and finished with a special Bonfire Night assembly, which included some important safeguarding reminders to help everyone stay safe while celebrating.

November's Safeguarding Focus



Please talk to your children about these important safety messages around keeping safe with bonfires, fireworks and even candles in the home.

Our RESILIENCE Bible Verse -

"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength."

Philippians 4 v 13

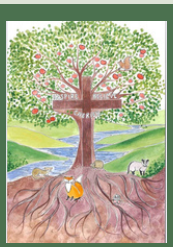
Lunch Menu for Next Week

Monday 10th November	Tuesday 11th November	Wednesday 12th November	Thursday 13th November	Friday 14th November
Loaded Jacket Potatoes Choice Shortbread Biscuits	Fish Finger Wrap, rice and salad OR Vegi Finger Wrap Fruit Crumble and Custard	Pasta Bolognese, garlic bread and veg OR Tomato Pasta Bake Flapjack	Chicken Roast OR Quorn Fillet Jelly & Fruit	Beef Burgers & chips OR Vegi Sausage Bap Iced Tray Bake

Please note, our menu is subject to changes and these will be communicated via ParentMail

Diary Dates

Monday 10th November - Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11th November - CONNECT Coffee Morning
Wednesday 12th November - Otter Class Trip to Duxford
Friday 14th November - Non-Uniform Day to raise money for Children in Need (Donations welcome)
Friday 21st November - Flu Vaccinations in school
Tuesday 25th November - Fox Class Trip to Shimpling Park Farm
Friday 28th November - Non-Uniform Day in exchange for an item for FOBS Christmas Hampers
Monday 1st December - Christmas Story Cafe Afternoon
Thursday 4th December - Book Fair in school
Thursday 11th December - KS1 Nativity Performances (more details to follow)
Monday 15th December - Christingle Celebrations (more details to follow)
Monday 15th December - The FOBS Christmas Raffle will be drawn after school in the playground
Friday 19th December - Christmas Celebrations @ Church (more details to follow)



OUR SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES:

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."
Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jesus said 'I am the vine; you are the branches.
Those who abide in my and I in them, will bear much fruit.'
John 15:5

